(*a*) that this tank is resorted to by a good number of people for bathing purposes ;

(*b*) that the locality is full of dwelling houses ; and

(*c*) that the road running along the western bank of this tank, where this night-soil shed is erected, is used by the student public in the morning and evening and the office and court-attending public during the rest of the day on account of its shady nature ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) (*b*) and (*c*). The answer is in the affirmative.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*) : Will the Government be pleased to consider the removal of this shed from that locality ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : It is not at present used as a night-soil cartstand. The Municipal Council has an idea of using it for the office of the Puttanchantai Sanitary Inspector ; and the evil may be removed thereby.

Selection of Boy Peons in the Account Office.

56. **MR. A. J. JOHN** (*Vaikam*) : (1) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by castes, of the boy peons appointed in the Account Office ?

(2) Will the Government be pleased to state whether there were Pulaya (Panchama) boys among the applicants ; and whether any one of them was appointed, and, if not, the reasons for the same ?

MR. K. N. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*) : No boy peons have yet been appointed in the Account Office. The selection of some boys for appointment in the menial staff was notified and intending applicants were required to present themselves *in person*. There was no Pulaya boy among the applicants who so appeared. The selection was made of the smartest of the boys. There was a Pulaya applicant, but he had omitted to present himself in person as required in the notification. There is no information whether he is a boy or a man.

Change of Name of Reformed Syrians into Mar Thoma Syrians.

57. **MR. C. P. THOMAS** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to change the designation "Reformed Syrians" now applied to the "Mar Thoma Syrians" in Government documents, to the latter (Mar Thoma Syrians), that being the designation which that community has accepted ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : "Mar Thoma Syrians" is the designation usually adopted in Government documents.

Introduction of Shorthand and Typewriting as Optional Subjects in English Schools.

58. **MR. KALLUR NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Pattanamtitta*) : (1) Are the Government aware that, according to the Education Code, shorthand, typewriting, etc., have been included as optional subjects for the English School Leaving Examination ?

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(2) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have included these subjects in the curricula of studies in any of the departmental schools and made provision for the teaching of those subjects?

(3) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they propose to introduce these subjects in the schools from next year onwards?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) Typewriting, commercial practice, and office correspondence and practice have been prescribed as optional subjects, but not shorthand.

(2) The answer is in the negative.

(3) This will be considered if a sufficient number of pupils will take up these subjects as optionals.

MR. KALLUR NARAYANA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): മലയാളം ഷാർട്ട് ഹാൻറ് സ്കൂളുകളിൽ ഐശ്ചികവിഷയമായി എടുത്തു പഠിപ്പിക്കണമെന്ന് അപേക്ഷകളുപിടിച്ച മി: പണ്ടാല ഗവർമ്മെൻറിനോട് അപേക്ഷിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): അപേക്ഷിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ എന്നു നിശ്ചയമില്ല.

MR. KALLUR NARAYANA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): മി: ഹാഡ്സൺ ഡയറക്ടറായിരുന്ന കാലത്തു മലയാളം ഷാർട്ടഹാൻറ് സ്കൂളുകളിൽ പഠിപ്പിക്കുന്ന വിഷയത്തെ സംബന്ധിച്ച അനുകൂലമായ മറുപടി ഗവർമ്മെൻറിന് അയച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): അറിഞ്ഞുകൂടാ.

MR. KALLUR NARAYANA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): ബ്രിട്ടീഷ് ഇൻഡ്യായിൽ തമിഴ് ഷാർട്ടഹാൻറ് സ്കൂളുകളിൽ ഐശ്ചികമായി പഠിപ്പിച്ചുവരുന്നുണ്ടെന്നുള്ള വിവരം ഗവർമ്മെൻറിനറിയാമോ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): നിശ്ചയമില്ല.

MR. KALLUR NARAYANA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): ഗവർമ്മെൻറും ഗ്രീഷ് സ്കൂളുകളും ഉള്ള പലസ്ഥലങ്ങളിലും കമ്മേർഷ്യൽ സബ്ജക്ട് പഠിപ്പിക്കുന്നതിനു പ്രൈവറ്റ് ഇൻസ്റ്റിറ്റ്യൂഷൻ ഏർപ്പെടുത്തീട്ടുള്ളതായി ഗവണ്മെൻറിനറിയാമോ?

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : ചില സ്ഥലങ്ങളിൽ കാണും.

MR. KALLUR NARAYANA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): ഇംഗ്ലീഷ് സ്കൂളുകളിൽ കമ്മേർഷ്യൽ സബ്ജക്ട് ഐശ്ചികമായി എടുക്കാൻ മനസ്സുള്ള കുട്ടികളുടെ ഒരു ലിസ്റ്റ് വരുത്താമോ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): വരുത്താം.

MR. KALLUR NARAYANA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : ക്ലൂതൽ കുട്ടികൾ പഠിക്കുന്നതിനു തയാറുണ്ടായിരുന്നാൽ അതു പഠിപ്പിക്കുന്നതിനു വേണ്ടഏർപ്പാട് ചെയ്യുമോ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : അതു് ആലോചിക്കാം.

Appointment of Delegates under the Nayar Regulation.

59. MR. KALLUR NARAYANA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether delegates according to the rules passed under the Nayar Regulation, II of 1100, have been appointed? If not, will they be pleased to enquire into the delay?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The list of delegates for nineteen courts have already been published in the *Government Gazette*. Those for the remaining courts will be approved and issued soon.

Action taken against the "Malabar Advocate."

60. MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): With reference to the answer to my question No. 133, asked at the meeting of the Council held on the 29th Karkatakam 1101, will the Government be pleased to state whether they have considered the question of taking action against the "Malabar Advocate"?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The matter is engaging the attention of the Government.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know how long is it since the article appeared in the paper?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): About three or four months.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether the matter was referred to the legal department of the Government?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The consultations of the Government with the legal department are confidential.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): I do not want to know the consultations. But there is a limitation of time after which the Government may not take any action.

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